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Northern District of Illinois Senior Probation Officer Bobbie Jo Pruitt Receives National Probation Officer of the Year Award and Great Lakes Regional Line Officer of the Year Award

Chicago, Ill. - In a ceremony on March 12, 2019, Chief Judge Rubén Castillo and Probation Chief Marcus Holmes recognized Northern District of Illinois Senior U.S. Probation Officer Bobbie Jo Pruitt, recipient of the prestigious National Officer of the Year Award (Richard F. Doyle Award) and the Great Lakes Regional Line Officer of the Year Award.

“On behalf of the District Court, I congratulate Officer Pruitt on this incredible achievement and thank her for her outstanding service to our district,” said Chief Judge Castillo.

Bobbie Jo Pruitt began her federal career in 2005. Officer Pruitt has spent her entire career assisting persons under supervision make positive changes in their lives. In 2018, Officer Pruitt was promoted to Senior U.S. Probation Officer where she currently works with an intensive caseload.

Officer Pruitt has been involved in numerous initiatives throughout her career. She is a STARR (Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Recidivism) coach, a Post-Conviction Risk Assessment (PCRA) trainer, a member of the Evidence Based Practices (EBP) Academy, a firearms instructor, a Search and Seizure Team Member, and an officer development mentor.

Officer Pruitt was nominated for the Regional Line Officer Award by her supervisor, Supervisory U.S. Probation Officer Scott Porter. Her nomination packet was forwarded for consideration for and ultimately selected as the recipient of the national award.

The Richard F. Doyle Award is presented by the Federal Probation and Pretrial Officers Association (FPPOA) and is a national award for the Federal Probation or Pretrial Services Officer who has made the most significant achievement in, or contribution to, the Federal Probation & Pretrial Services System or the broader field of corrections.

The Regional Line Officer of the Year Award is awarded to the Federal Probation or Pretrial Services Officer who has made a significant achievement in, or contribution to, the Federal Probation and Pretrial Services System or the broader field of corrections.

U.S. probation officers, considered the "eyes and ears" of the federal court, investigate and supervise persons charged with or convicted of federal crimes.

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Left to right: U.S. Probation Supervisory Officer Scott Porter; U.S. Senior Probation Officer Bobbie Jo Pruitt; U.S. Probation Chief for the Northern District of Illinois Marcus Holmes; Chief Judge Rubén Castillo, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois